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**STATE OF INDIANA
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULE
OF GAS RATES AND CHARGES**

CAUSE NO.: 43527

PETITION

Comes now the Petitioner, City of Aurora, Indiana d/b/a Aurora Municipal Gas Utility, and respectfully represents and shows:

1. The City of Aurora, Indiana owns and operates a municipal gas system and collects rates and charges for the use of and the service rendered by said gas system pursuant to I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.

2. The existing schedule of rates and charges was established by ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Aurora and said rates and charges were approved by the Indiana Regulatory Commission on April 24, 1997 in Cause No. 4084.

3. The Common Council of the City of Aurora, Indiana has been advised that the existing rates and charges do not produce sufficient revenue to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of such gas system, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, interest charges on bonds and other obligations, to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation for bonds or other obligations, to provide a debt service reserve for bonds or other obligations, to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital, adequate funds for making improvements and a reasonable return on the utility plant, and therefore do not produce revenues sufficient to maintain such gas system property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service. Accordingly, it is necessary to revise said existing rates and charges in accordance with the provisions of I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.

4. The increase to the existing rates and charges will be subject to the final approval of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and an ordinance establishing a

new schedule of rates and charges will be adopted by the Common Council of the City and a copy of such ordinance will be filed subsequently.

5. Said new rates and charges will provide sufficient, in addition to the cash revenues set forth hereinabove, to meet the financial requirements of the City's municipal gas system, including payment in lieu of taxes and a reasonable return on the utility plant, as set forth in I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.

6. Jurisdiction of the matter herein is conferred upon the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission by I.C. 8-1.5-3-8 (approval of taxes and charges).

7. The attorney listed below is authorized to accept service of all pleadings and communications regarding matters herein involved.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner respectfully prays that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission issue its order approving the new schedule of rates and charges, and that said new schedule of gas rates and charges be made effective for all gas service rendered after the date of approval by the Commission of a new schedule of rates and charges.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF AURORA, INDIANA d/b/a
Aurora Municipal Gas Utility

By: *Randolph Turner*
RANDOLPH TURNER,
Superintendent

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public residing in Dearborn County,
Indiana this 27th day of June, 2008.

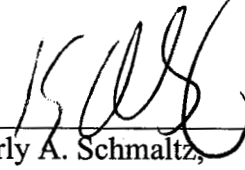
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Melissa Wakston
Notary Public
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Resident of Dearborn County, IN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the above and foregoing has been deposited in the United State mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on the 1st day of July, 2008, addressed to:

Utility Consumer Counselor's Office, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South Indianapolis, IN
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